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In the Application of:
STEPHEN M. ALLEN ET AL.

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EXAMINER: HOPE A. ROBINSON

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CUSTOMER NO.: 23906

FOR: PLANT SUGAR TRANSPORT
PROTEINS

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Second Preliminary Amendment and Response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 28, 2004. A petition for a three (3) month extension of time accompanies this response. In response to the Office Action, and before examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Response begin on page 6 of this paper.